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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC CONTINUOUS

MONITORING AND ON-DEMAND OPTIMIZATION OF BUSINESS IT

Title: INFRASTRUCTURE ACCORDING TO BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 07, 2008 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the March 07, 2008 Office Action is due April 07, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Applicant elects to prosecute claims **1-16** of Group I drawn to a process of using a digraph.

Applicants withdraw claims 17-38 of Group II, drawn to a digraph and to a process of using a digraph, respectively, are withdrawn at this time.

As per the request of the Examiner to elect a subcombination, Applicant respectfully elects the subcombination of claims **1-6** of Group I and claims **9-13** of Group III.

Applicants reserve all rights in the non-elected claims, claims 1-6 and 7-8, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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